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A. TEXT OF STATEMENT BY CREWMAN STEWART FOLLOWS. FORMAT SAME
AS REF B.

1. QUOTE MY NAME IS DOUGHLAND OGWIN STEWART AND I RESIDE AT
4640 RUSK, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77023.

2. I AM EMPLOYED AS WIPER ON THE SS"EAGLE VOYAGER" AND WAS ON
BOARD THE VESSEL ON THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 29 AND THE MORNING
OF DEC 30, 1974, IN THE PORT OF ODESSA.

3. I WAS PERSONALY ACQUAINTED WITH THE STEWARD ROBERT KIEDINGER
AND WITH JAMES SINCE THEY CAME ABOARD THE VESSEL.

4. AT APPROXIMATELY 0045 HOURS DECEMBER 30 (I LOOKED AT THE CLOCK
IN THE MESSHALL AT 0050 HOURS, ABOUT FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE
FOLLOWING OCCURRED), AS I WAS ASLEEP IN MY ROOM, I WAS AWAKENED
BY ONE HARD BANG. I GOT UP AND FIRST WENT TO THE PORT HOLE
TO SEE IF WE WERE ALREADY AT SEA. I SAW THAT WE WERE NOT. THEN
I WENT AND OPENED THE DOOR.

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5. I OPENED THE DOOR AND SAW THE B/R JAMES HENDRIX WHO HAD

BLOOD ON HIS PANTS AND BOOTS. I ASKED HIM WHAT HE'D BEEN INTO AND HE SAID THAT HE HAD JUST KILLED THE STEWARD.

6. I HAD GONE BACK INTO THE ROOM AND FINISHED GETTING DRESSED.

7. HENDRIX FOLLOWED ME INTO THE ROOM. AS HE ENTERED THE ROOM HE FELL ON MY BUNK AND GOT BLOOD ON MY SHEET. I SAW THAT HE WAS INTOXICATED.

8. HENDRIX BEGAN TALKING TO MY ROOMMATE (GARY CARTER).

9. I IMMEDIATELY LEFT THE ROOM AND WENT TO THE MESS HALL. THERE I MET AN AB SITTING AT THE TABLE. I TOLD HIM THAT THE BR WAS IN MY ROOM WITH BLOOD ALL OVER HIM.

10. THE AB SAID THAT WE WERE GOING TO BE CLEARING IMMIGRATION. I KNEW THAT I WOULD NEED MY PAPERS, SO I WENT BACK TO MY ROOM.

11. HENDRIX WAS STILL IN MY ROOM. I TOLD THE WIPER THAT WE WERE GOING TO CLEAR IMMIGRATION. I TOLD HENDRIX THAT HE HAD BETTER BE OUT OF MY ROOM BY THE TIME I GOT BACK, AND THEN I LEFT THE ROOM.

12. I FOLLOWED THE CHIEF COOK ALONG THE PASSAGEWAY. WHEN WE CAME TO THE STEWARD'S ROOM THE CHIEF COOK OPENED THE DOOR. WE SAW THE STEWARD LYING ON THE FLOOR IN A POOL OF BLOOD. THE CHIEF COOK SAID "HE'S DEAD". I SAID "YES, HE'S DEAD".

13. I THEN RAN TO THE OFFICERS' LOUNGE AND TOLD THE CAPTAIN THAT THE STEWARD WAS LYING IN HIS ROOM IN A POOL OF BLOOD.

14. I STAYED IN THE LOUNGE TO CLEAR IMMIGRATION.

15. PREIOUSLY, I HAD SEEN THAT THE STEWARD AND MR. HENDRIX WERE OBVIOUSLY HAVING DIFFICULTIES. THEY HAD BEEN ARGUING DURING THE WHOLE TRIP. END QUOTE.
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